Mobile eHealth
Selected PDA Resources

Here are three powerful tools that are available now to VISN 2 PDA users, at no additional cost.

- Please review the application software/hardware requirements for system compatibility, to ensure that your device meets these requirements prior to installation.
- For assistance with software installation please contact the VISN 2 IS Help Desk.
- For additional information about PDAs and VISN 2's mobile eHealth strategy development, visit the mobile eHealth PDA website at http://vaww.visn2.med.va.gov/is/pda/

1. *mobile*MICROMEDEX

Evidence-based clinical information on the PDA for physicians, pharmacists, and nurses at the point of care. This product is available to VISN 2 staff as part of the VISN 2 Micromedex subscription contract. Compatible with both Palm OS® and Pocket PC's, the tool is easy to use and provides answers to questions about drugs, alternative medicines, emergency conditions, and poisonings/toxic substances. Updates are automatically synchronized when new information is available.

Four clinical databases:

- **Drug information**: Covers more than 3,200 drugs providing valuable, point-of-care information
- **Alternative Medicine**: Scientifically-sound data on more than 300 of the most popular herbals and supplements
- **Acute Care**: Concise information for over 320 common emergency conditions, with data on treatment, diagnosis, and key findings
- **Toxicology information**: Information on how to manage over 200 of the most common poisonings, toxic substances (including biological weapons), and drug overdoses

Visit the **Micromedex** link on the VISN 2 Intranet homepage, click on the **Formulary & Handheld** tab, and choose **mobilemicromedex System** for download and installation instructions.

2. *Mobile* Merck*Medicus*

An integrated set of medical resources for the PDA:

- ***The Merck Manual,* 17th Edition:** covers topics in internal medicine as well as detailed information on pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics, gynecology, dermatology, pharmacology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and a number of other subjects.
- **Pocket Guide to Diagnostic Tests:** provides quick, evidence-based information on the selection and interpretation of nearly 350 laboratory, imaging, and microbiology tests.
- **Reuters Medical News:** a convenient way for physicians, researchers and other medical professionals to stay informed of daily developments in their field. Can also be customized to your interests.
- **MEDLINE Journal Abstracts and Searches:** provides citations and abstracts for the current issue of over 200 medical journals that are searchable on MEDLINE.
- **Personal Search Assistant**: send a request from your PDA for a search to be run on Merck*Medicus* or MEDLINE. Search results will be available to you in your *Mobile* Merck*Medicus* Record Library on Merck*Medicus*.com.

Visit the MerckMedicus website for additional information: http://www.merckmedicus.com

3. Epocrates Rx

Free version of this drug and formulary reference tool for PDAs

- More than 3,300 brand and generic drugs including on- and off-label dosing, adverse reactions, contraindications, drug interactions, pricing, mechanism of action and more
- Auto-update feature keeps information current
- Search by drug name, indication, adverse reaction, etc.
- MultiCheck multiple-drug interaction checker
- DocAlert messages alert you to safety issues from FDA MedWatch, CDC, and ISMP
- MedMath medical calculators

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